

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1292 because I understand that the intent of this measure was to clarify that vocational and adult education teachers have access to training that will lead to certification in specially designed content instruction delivered in English aimed at improving instruction to English language learners.

However, as currently drafted, this bill would likely be interpreted to allow persons with either a designated subject teaching credential or a service credential with a special class authorization to teach English language learners only if the teacher has completed or is enrolled in the specified professional development proposed in this measure. Thus, I am concerned that this bill would exclude qualified vocational and adult education teachers from teaching English language learner students.

Therefore, I am signing this measure with the understanding that the author will introduce cleanup legislation in the next session.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger